THINK CRITICALLY

Handwrite your responses in the space below; 2 sentences each.

1. What factors affect a country's level of economic development?

2. What factors affect the value of a country's currency?

3. A less-developed country is characterized by _____
   a. a strong infrastructure
   b. a low literacy level
   c. modem technology
   d. a well-educated population

4. The value of a country's currency would likely decline as a result of _____
   a. inflation
   b. a favorable balance of trade
   c. expanded exports
   d. decreased foreign debt

5. True or False? _____ Infrastructure commonly refers to a nation's trade activities with other countries.

6. True or False? _____ Most currencies of the world have a value that stays fairly constant from day to day.

7. _____ countries are often characterized by low economic wealth and a dependence on agriculture or mining.
   a. industrialized
   b. less-developed
   c. developing
   d. infrastructure

TEAMWORK

Discuss in pairs or small groups and then write your conclusions below.

8. The economies in less-developed countries often lack infrastructure and strong educational systems. In your team, create a list of actions that could improve economic conditions in these countries.